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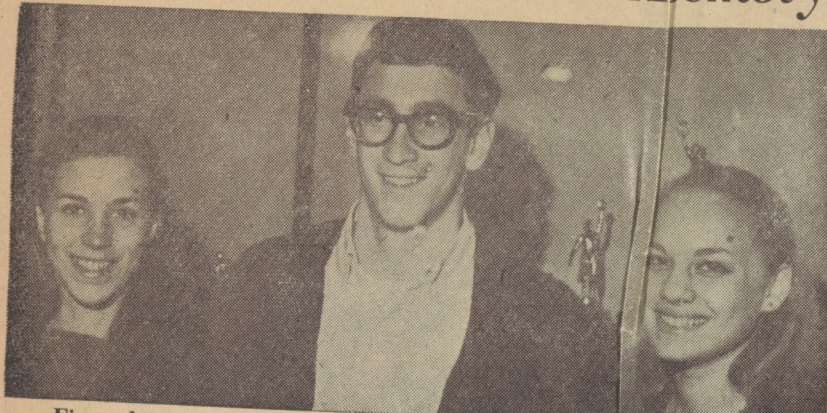
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Samuel J. Tilden High School, Brooklyn 5, N.Y.

March 26, 1964

Poetry and Declamation Winners Announced At March 11 Assembly



First place declamation winners (left to right): Berly Sherman and Lois Ahrens join narrator Charles Deutsch.

Winners of Tilden's fourth annual Poetry and Declamation Contest, organized by Mr. Joel Dick and Mr. Everett Kerner, were selected Wednesday, March 11, when the finalists' competition was held.

Marjorie Friedman and Robert Ellman won second and third prizes in the declamation portion of the contest. Selected from the eleven poems in the finals were I Stand Upon the Salty Quay, by Linda Stern, for second place and Mother Courage, by Sharyn Friedman, for third place.

The program commenced with a short speech by Mr. Martin Blum, Chairman of the English Department. Francine Geraci and Charles Deutsch were the student narrators. Following the reading of the poems, the winners were announced by Mr. Blum, who awarded trophies or plaques to them.

Poets and Declaimers

The declaimers included Judy Ahrens, Esther Dyzenhaus, Robert Ellman, Marjorie Friedman, Michael Goldberg, Charles Kleinberg, Rosalie Marder, Beverly Sherman, Alan Stoll, Ethel Wolvovitz, and Wendy Wurtzel.

Poets entered were Linda Stern, Harriet Ohlstein, Rona Morrow, Emily Bernstein, Marilyn Frankel, Sharyn Friedman, Judy Tropiansky, Jerry Hyman, Francine Geraci, and John McCullough, the only poet to have two poems in the finals.

Lefkowitz Winner Will Be Announced

Presentation of the annual Dr. Abraham Lefkowitz Memorial Award is expected to be awarded this term as soon as the acceptance by the winner is made known. At the time of this writing, there has been no definite word as to who the winner is. Complete information is expected shortly.

Classes Recommend Candidates

In order to select a recipient for the award, social studies classes recommended qualified candidates in a special poll taken in February. It was from among the candidates nominated by the students that the final selection was made by the Social Studies Department.

Dr. Lefkowitz, who was principal of Tilden for more than 25 years, was a leader in the fight for social reforms in education and labor. The award, which is given annually, is given to an outstanding American who distinguishes himself in welfare, education, labor, or other fields of public service.

Previous Winners Named

Shortly after the death of Dr. Lefkowitz in 1955, Mrs. Lefkowitz set up the award in his memory. Previous winners of the award have been the late Honorable Herbert Lehman, the late Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Walter Reuther, Thurgood Marshall, Norman Thomas, and the Honorable Jacob Javits.

Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the annual Spring Concert to be held Friday evening, April 17, at 8:15 P.M., are on sale at \$1.25 each. The seats are reserved and there will be no sale of tickets at the door.

Participating in the concert are the band, the mixed chorus, the girl's cantata and the orchestra. In addition to the individual presentations of each organization, there will be joint performances of the orchestra and cantata ("Sound of Music") and the orchestra and mixed chorus ("Carmen").

The Drama Guild's production of "You Can't Take It With You" will be presented Friday evening May 22 and Saturday evening May 23. Tickets will go on sale at the end of April at \$1.50 each.

Top Averages Given; Gorelick Places First



Top scholars of June, 1964 (left to right): Stuart Silverberg, Nancy Landweber, David Cohen, David Gorelick and Eileen Merr.

Top averages for the Class of June, 1964, were announced at the end of February. David Gorelick, 81B, and Stuart Silverberg, 81A, lead the class with averages of 96.67 and 95.75, respectively.

Gorelick Attends Science Honors Program

David Gorelick has participated in Arista, Tilden Forum, Math Team, and is currently the feature editor of Topics. This year he attended the Columbia Science Honors Program in physics Saturday mornings, and was a finalist in the Westinghouse Talent Search. Although David has not as yet decided upon his career, he hopes to attend Princeton College next fall.

Festival Will Mark Shakespeare's Birth

Commemorating the 400th birthday anniversary of The Bard, William Shakespeare, who was born April 23, 1564, Mr. Abraham Margolies has designated April as Shakespeare Month. Featured on the program are a dramatic courtroom scene, "The Bacon-Shakespeare Controversy," directed by Mr. Mel Stein of the English Department; folk dances in the Elizabethan tradition, performed by members of the Dance Class, under the direction of Dr. Henry Greene, chairman of Health Education, and a brass chorus, under the baton of Mr. Arthur Stracher of the Music Department.

Coordinator of the program is Mrs. Adele Fisch of the English Department. Mr. Sol Wolpert, Chairman of the Accounting Department, is technical adviser for the courtroom drama.

Stuart Silverberg, a member of Arista, Tilden Forum, and the Math Team, has applied to the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, Columbia University, Cooper Union, as well as City College, but is not sure which college he will attend. He plans to make electronic engineering his career.

Cohen Places Third With an average of 95.58, David he participates in the math and chess teams. David will attend Brooklyn College and become a mathematician.

Fourth, with an average of 95.14, is Eileen Merr, 8G. A member of Arista, she is French Editor of Polyglot, and was a member of the library squad and Sophomore and Junior Singers. Hoping to become a teacher, she plans to go to Brooklyn College.

Nancy Landweber, 8P, with a 94.91 (Continued on Page 3)

Caravan, Polyglot, Topics Win Awards

Approximately 6,000 high school journalists and their advisers from the entire United States participated in the Fortieth Annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention which took place March 12, 13, and 14 at Columbia University.

Tilden Publications Awarded Tilden Topics and Caravan received first and second place awards, respectively, in their divisions of the competition. Tilden's foreign language magazine Polyglot also received a first place honor.

Judging is based on content, writing style, make-up, variety, pictures, originality and overall quality. Rank is determined by final point totals. The CSPA, which is an organization composed of editors and advisers of student publications at all educational levels, does the judging.

Luncheon Adds Final Touch Lectures, conferences and round table discussions were held at the convention. These conferences dealt with different aspects of journalism and were conducted by attending delegates as well as professional newspapermen.

The three day convention ended with a luncheon held at the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Saturday, March 14. The guest speaker was Mr. Warren Wiggins, Acting Director of the Peace Corps, who described opportunities in the Corps.

Ninety New Members Inducted into Arista

Ninety Aristonian neophytes were inducted into Tilden's honor society March 18 during the AM official period in the Tilden Auditorium. Mrs. Mary Bernstein is the faculty adviser.

Mr. Eustis Guest Speaker

The ceremony consisted of a candle-lighting ceremony, in which the Arista officers—Girl Leader Nancy Landweber, Boy Leader Alan Stoll, Secretary Elisabeth Satlow, and Treasurer Harvey Berlin—took part. Mr. John Eustis, chairman of the Art Department, spoke on individuality in the under the direction of Mr. Arthur Stracher, played the theme from Carnival, by Clare Grundman.

Certain Requirements Needed

On becoming full-fledged Aristonians, the newly-inducted members are expected to act according to the traditions of Arista; that is, they must have superior scholarship, character and service. To be eligible for Arista, students must have an aggregate average of at least 90%, no failure in any subject, and a satisfactory character rating.

The neophytes, at the installation, pledged themselves to "an unrelenting pursuit of knowledge, a devotion to service, and a continuing awareness of... character in the conduct of our lives."

Senior Celebs Begin Campaigning at Hop

Campaigning for Senior Celebrity titles officially began Friday night, March 20, at the Celebrity Hop. Petitions were obtained early in March, and winners will be announced Friday night, May 8, at the Red Letter Honors ceremony, among them Class Wit, Most Popular Pair, and Most Charming were not on the list of eligible positions for the June 1964 graduating class. The decision to eliminate these posts was made because it is felt that these titles are neither flattering nor suitable to the spirit of the competition.

Many seniors were opposed to this cut in celebrity positions, and in an effort to restore these titles, petitions were circulated in the school asking for a reconsideration. The petitions were signed by over 800 of the 1200 graduating seniors. Due to these demands, four positions were added to the list of titles. They are: Class Humorist, Class Mathematician, Class Scientist, and Class Social Scientist.

History Classes Vote in Current Events Poll; Topics Include Vietnam, Integration, and Cuba

More than 2000 students participated in the March 19, 1964, Student Opinion Poll, conducted under the direction of Abraham Venit, Chairman of the Social Studies Department. Five questions, concerning domestic and international affairs were asked of pupils in most of Tilden's history classes.

The overwhelming response against transfer of students from neighborhood schools in order to combat racial segregation, is certainly notable. It seems to indicate a desire to maintain the status quo or may be in keeping with the concept of the neighborhood school. More than twice as many students were opposed to school boycott than those in favor of them. It may perhaps be assumed that this question

STUDENT POLL

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No, No Opinion. Contains 5 questions about school integration, boycott, and Vietnam.

was not regarded too carefully. The right to boycott, or the right to petition, assembly, free speech or press, might not have been disapproved of by such a large majority. The response to the third inquiry is again notable. It demonstrated a liberal opinion which strongly contradicts the policies of extreme rightist groups in America.

Although favored by only 300 votes, students made the difference between the two answers while 604, almost 30% of the participating students, had "no opinion."

One of the more interesting results of the poll was the number of participants who professed to have "no opinion." More were found under this heading in foreign affairs than integration, which would supposedly affect them more.

it is significant that the majority of pupils favor the sale of United States' wheat to the Soviet Union.

The response to the fifth question is perhaps the most significant and interesting of all. Opinion against a United States' attack upon North Vietnam was not much greater than the 784 proponents of such an invasion. Less than 60

Sam Roberts

From the Principal:

Beatlemania—Symptom of Social Mania

My dear students:

I know that I'm treading upon sacred ground when I venture these comments on the recent trip of the Beatles to the United States. In my view, the almost universal hysteria on the part of countless thousands of teenagers, while in the presence of the four British mopheads, is cause for concern. Some psychologists might be inclined to wave aside any feelings of alarm about this phenomenon by regarding the entire matter as kids letting off excess steam. There are others who would take a more serious attitude toward this explosive display of mass adolescent hysteria.

I do not wish to convey the impression that this generation of teenagers is any more psychotic than past generations, who also swooned at the appearance of Frank Sinatra and Rudy Vallee. As one who has dealt with adolescents for most of my professional life, I have a healthy respect for this generation of teenagers. However, I must confess to being appalled at the widespread hysterical and almost religious adoration engendered by this awesome foursome, completely disproportionate to their talents.

I am not even, at the moment, concerned with whether they are good or bad performers. Even the great artists of the world, such as Picasso, or scientists, such as Salk or Oppenheimer, or composers, like Leonard Bernstein, are generally received with restrained enthusiasm. What concerns me, then, is why this abnormal transfiguration, almost religious in nature, before four ordinary crooners with weird hairdos. What worries me is that the engines of publicity and mass media propaganda can so readily whip up mass hysteria and so paralyze individual rational judgment, as to constitute a danger, should more pressing issues arise. While reverence for the Beatles is probably harmless enough, what if a new pseudo Hitler comes upon the scene, as he did in Germany, and employs equally paralyzing public relation techniques?

It is never good to conform merely for the sake of conformity. It is never good to be part of a shouting, unthinking mass and to get on the bandwagon simply because everybody else is doing so. This is the path to the destruction of critical thinking, of individualism, and in short, of everything we describe as part of the democratic way of life. Beatlemania may be innocent enough, but it is the next door neighbor to social mania and that can be dangerous indeed.

Cordially yours,
Abraham Margolies Principal

Topics Talks:

New Standards for Academic Achievement

Abolishment of the Intelligence Quotient tests by the New York City Board of Education recently may prove to be the first step in the improvement of testing in our educational system. The I.Q. tests have long been under attack by leading educators whose perseverance has finally led to their abandonment.

Advancements of youngsters in the same age group. Unfortunately, this system of testing has proved both insufficient and harmful. Scores are often used as labels and are vastly overrated by personnel without proper training in their interpretation.

Results are repeatedly used inaccurately, thus retarding the progress of many students. They are used as indicators of a student's ability and too much stress is often put upon their use. Educators who attempt to help or encourage slow pupils are discouraged upon seeing the "lack of ability" as exhibited by the students' low I.Q. score.

In addition to all of these inaccuracies, the tests have become definite handicaps to children of foreign or low socio-economic origin. Their poor scores, due to the fact that tests are geared to children of middle-class backgrounds, hamper their ascension into society.

There is little doubt that the feelings of the New York High School Principals Association—the belief that I.Q. scores should be retained in the high school until "more reliable instruments are devised"—does have some basis. Although the Board of Education plans to substitute frequent achievement tests with emphasis on reading, the problem of inadequate standards for measuring academic ability remains. The tests should be analyzed only by persons trained to do so; they should be combined and averaged with classroom test marks and then should be used with ratings of teachers and supervisors only to supplement tests given by the individual schools, the city, and the state.

The opinions expressed by this newspaper are not necessarily those of the Board of Education or the school administration.



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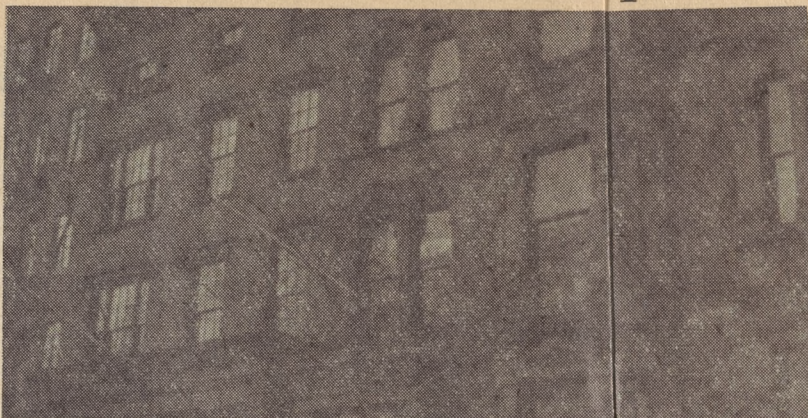
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Was It George Washington?
Oh, No! S. J. Tilden Spt Here

The old Tilden House as it stands today in Gracie Park.

Roaming the streets of New York, anyone can see this city has many interesting and old landmarks (for example, the Tildencker rooms). One way to spend a lovely Sunday (that means it isn't snowing or raining and the temperature's above the freezing point) is to visit the former home of Samuel J. Tilden, located at 15 Gramercy Park.

The house, originally two private homes, was remodeled for Tilden in the early 1870's by Calvert Vaux, who designed Central Park. Tilden moved into the home in approximately 1874, the year he was elected as governor of New York State. When he died there in 1898, the property was put up for sale. In 1906, the National Art Society, founded in the same year Tilden died, purchased the property. Today, art shows are held in this historic landmark (usually, the admission is free).

"There should be a campaign to have more girls study physics!" declares Mr. Martin Bennett, a member of Tilden's Science Department for three years. He formerly taught in an all-girl's high school and feels the few brave females in his physics classes are lonely. "But," he quipped, "the boys here are much brighter than in my old school."

Mr. Bennett is presently teaching a regular course in physics, but he hopes to revise the syllabus but not to the extent that the Physical Science Study Committee has proposed. He believes the curriculum should make it possible for students to do individual laboratory work on a prolonged research basis.



Mr. Martin Bennett

Mr. Bennett feels that students are over-awed by our civilization's scientific discoveries and he reminds us that the Greeks and other societies made many contributions that deserve the same recognition.

When questioned about his opinion of Tilden students, Mr. Bennett smilingly replied, "Tilden students are very good in comparison to students in other schools. They are interested in learning, clever, and are quick to realize if a teacher is simply 'wasting' a period."

Mr. Bennett would like very much to revive Tilden's "Radio Club" which would be composed of small groups of advanced and beginning students receiving individual instruction in theory, code, repair, etc. The major obstacle which prevents the club's revival is the lack of safe storage space for the radio equipment.

Mr. Bennett doesn't want students to make the same mistakes he did. He advocates getting proper guidance in regard to the courses one must take for his prospective profession, and says, "Try to avoid specializing in one field at this stage of your education. Don't get too involved and spend all your time on one subject at the expense of others. Try to get as well-rounded an education as possible."

Teacher
of
the
Month

LYNNE
FEINSTEIN

The exterior of this lovely, brownstone building is somewhat reminiscent of a haunted house. The rust-colored awning, bearing the address in white, is the most prominent thing about house. A small plaque near the door gives a brief history of the house and its occupants.

As you cross the threshold expecting to find some old-fashioned furniture dating back to the Civil War, a surprising thing occurs. Greet the floor, on the staircase — everywhere. The only things not made of marble or wood are the exit signs, the receptionist (questionable), and the people, who are now descending the stairs in a crowd, much like locusts at feeding time. You venture into the receptionist's office, when the activity has subsided. There, you ask some questions. None of your questions are answered and you are given much information of little value.

Well, at least you get to see some good paintings.

Beth Bird

Two Russian Students Recall
Strict Life of Their Homeland

Nina Szubenok and Bela Hauszpiegel are two of Russia's more favorable exports who came to America via Poland and are attending Tilden High School. Nina arrived in 1963 and Bela has been living here since 1961.

Nina recalls the strict life her family led under Stalin, "At times you couldn't listen to the radio without closing the doors, windows, and shades, and looking outside to see if anyone was listening." She also recalls the food shortages and the "bread lines" she waited on for rations of basic foods, which are so plentiful in American stores.

Bela marvels at the vast differences in the curriculum of Russian and American schools. "In the fifth grade, one takes algebra, English, Russian, and shops. In the sixth grade one also studies physics and chemistry. The high schools give courses in English, Russian, advanced history, chemistry and a third language. In

Topics on
the Town

By Anna Stern

But for Whom Charlie, S. N. Behrman's latest play, makes a few good points but is basically weak. The play is classified as a serio-comedy but the humorous and satiric attempts are incredibly bad.

Jason Robards Jr. provides a reasonable portrayal of Seymour Rosenthal, a weak, shy, studious and nearly unbelievably good person. By the middle of the play, the illogical situation exists where Seymour is successfully stealing women from Charles Taney, a notorious playboy. Ralph Meeker plays Taney and seems to be as sorry that he is acting in the play as the audience that is watching it seems to be.

Dunway, Kimbrough Stand Out

Fay Dunaway gives a warm performance as Faith Prosper. Her part is one of the more credulous ones in the production. Clinton Kimbrough gives an interesting and almost memorable performance as Willard Prosper, Faith's younger, alcoholic brother.

Salome Jens is involved in everything in her role as Gilian Prosper, Faith's former step-mother. Miss Jens makes a convincing showing but she is made to seem loving, hating, and sorrowing at the same time. These emotions are unrealistic and it is unlikely that one person will experience them within so short a time. Another aspect of Gilian which is strange is that she posed for pornographic films at sixteen and still has achieved such a high degree of culture and sophistication.

Satire Ineffective

Strong gives a good performance as Harry Lorch, a feather-bedding bassonist. Lorch undergoes some character changes but the fault is the author's. The satire aimed at the Musician's Union is drawn out to the point where its impact is lost.

There is a potentially good cast and an excellent stage setting but these are not used to their fullest advantage. Some humorous lines are present, but the general effect is that the play is trite. Mr. Behrman shows his view of the world, a dim one, and expects to convince the audience that he is right in this supposed comedy.

Russian schools, which are smaller and on an eight o'clock to three o'clock session, every student studies the same subjects, wears the same uniform and, if a student has trouble, he must report to his teacher after school for help."

Bela also recalls the physical activities in school. "Girls do the same exercises as boys. They throw

"dummy" grenades, jump into sand pits, chin, exercise on "horses" and climb ropes."

Bela hopes to study accounting at Brooklyn College. She explains that in Russia, admission to college depends upon a test. Those who pass are paid a

small allowance while they attend college. Exceptional students receive more money.

Nina lived in Poland for a year and Bela for two, while waiting to be issued passports to America. Their reactions to America differed, but both were "glad to be here at last."

Lynne Feinstein, Anna Stern



Nina Szubenok and Bela Hauszpiegel recount experiences behind the Iron Curtain.

Current Income and Expenditures Compiled and Released by G.O.

Estimated income and expenditures for the 1963-1964 school year were announced recently by General Organization faculty adviser Max Brodsky. They are based on reports made in previous years and estimates collected from various student activities. Corrections have also been made because of the 20 per cent cut in expenditures which went into effect last term.

At first glance, the itemized list may be difficult to comprehend. For instance, although approximately \$8000 will be spent on "sports," \$7300 should be taken in from that activity. Thus "sports" represents net expenditures totaling \$700 and not \$8000.

Estimated Income 1963-1964			
G.O. Store	\$2100	School Administration	700
Play	550	Art	100
G.O. Dues	6200	Boys Health Education	100
Topics' Advertising	350	Caravan	1500
Towels	850	Chess Team	10
Sing	800	Girls' Health Education	900
Concert	550	Dance Band	50
Sports	7300	G.O. Administration	2150
Caravan	600	Football Band	100
Caravan Advertising	550	Music Department	650
Medal Income	200	Photography	250
Vending Machine	50	Polyglot	125
Field Income	400	Social Studies	30
Commission	50	Stage Squad	300
Back G.O.	200	Topics	3850
		Sports	8000
		Towels	350
		Westinghouse Research Club	430
		Vending Machine supplies	75
		Medals	750
		Math Team	35
		Total Estimated Expenditures	\$20,705
Total Estimated Income	\$20,750		
Estimated Expenditures 1963-1964			
Audio Visual Aids	\$250		

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average, placed fifth. Girl Leader of Arista, she participated in Sophomore, Junior and Senior Sings and was a member of the library squad. Teaching (probably of mathematics) will be her profession and she will attend Brooklyn College.

Ranking sixth with an average of 94.78, Robert Price, 8A, is a member of Arista and is president of his official class. He plans to make medicine his career, and will commence his higher education at Brooklyn College.

Seventh with an average of 94.66 is Lois Smith, 8K, who is Spanish and Art Editor of *Polyglot*, a member of the Mixed Chorus, Arista, and Caravan. She plans to go to Brooklyn College and her profession is undecided. Kenny Lane, 8K, ranks eighth with a 94.42 average. He is a member of Arista, Editor of the *Aristonian*, and Arista basketball team. He plans to attend Brown University and later become a doctor.

Martin Rothschild, 8X, and Marilyn Schwartz, 8H, placed ninth and tenth with averages of 94.25 and 94.14, respectively. Martin is a member of the Biology Squad, Yearbook Staff, Arista, Tilden Bowling Club, participated in the Westinghouse Talent Search and is a Prom Rep. He plans to attend Cornell University and go into medical research. Marilyn, also an aspirant to Cornell, is News Editor of *Topics*, a member of Arista, and participated in Junior and Senior Sings and Cantata. Teaching of either mathematics or language will be her career.

Marilyn Schwartz

Schedule of Uniform Mid-Term Examinations Thursday, April 23, 1964

8:15-9:45	11:45-1:00
English 5, 5M	French
English 8, 8M	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Spanish
	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Child Care 1
1:15-2:45	3:00-4:15
English 2, 2M	Biology 2
English 3, 3M	General Science 2
English 4, 4M	Exp. Biology 6
English 7, 7M	H. I. G.

Friday, April 24, 1964

8:15-9:45	10:00-11:30
World History 2	American Hist. 2
Economics	World Geog. 2
	World Hist. 1
11:45-1:15	1:30-3:00
American Hist. 1	Chem. 2, 8
Anc. and Med. History	Earth Science 2
American Hist. 3	Physics 2
A. H. 8CH	Law 1
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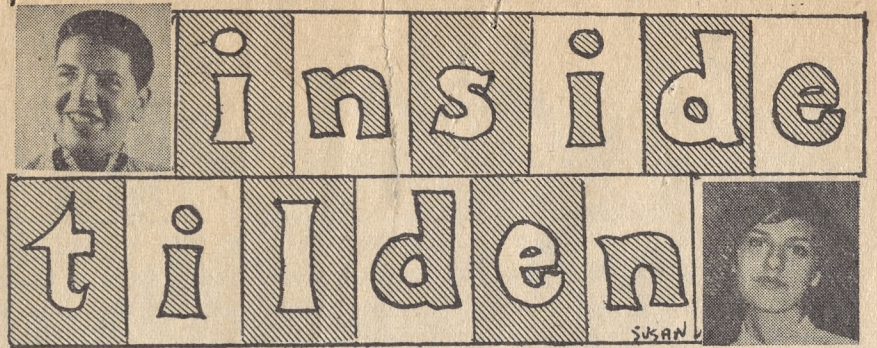
In all fairness to Thomas Jefferson High School, I should like to correct two inaccurate impressions which your recent editorial in *Topics* may have conveyed.

First, the situation at the game was not explosive. It is true that feelings ran high, and the unsportsmanlike attitude of the spectators on both sides could have been improved. For instance, cheerleaders were booed. The major trouble, it is true, occurred on the two evenings before the game and had to do with malicious mischief.

Second, the G.O. of Jefferson paid only for that part of the damage which could reasonably be attributed to its students or rooters. The rest of the bill was paid for by the Tilden G.O. for that part of the damage which could reasonably be attributed to Tilden's students or rooters.

It is unfortunate that a healthy rivalry has degenerated into an exhibition of poor sportsmanship on both sides. Let us hope that after a cooling off period of one or two years, we will resume the annual Thanksgiving Day classic.

Abraham Margolies, Principal



By SAM ROBERTS and SUSAN GITLIN

Witticisms of varying quality often seem to come upon us in periods of deep depression or great joy. They also seem to appear when we are in emotional states somewhere in between the two aforementioned ones. Unfortunately these "quotes from the quotables" rarely go beyond their creator. Therefore to reveal one of our own masterpieces and to encourage future quote-makers, we leave you with this reminder. "Every man is his own judge and the world his executioner."—beat that one!

Great Books For a Great Performance

"Gateways to the Great Books," a twelve volume set, was received in the library recently as the prize for Tilden's second place standing on the quiz show, "It's Academic" last fall. The works include the literature of Kipling, T. S. Eliot, Franklin, Faraday, Newman, Voltaire, and numerous other authors. They will contain bookplates prepared by head librarian Mrs. Margaret McGreevy, and will be placed in Mr. Margolies' office temporarily.

Less Sit, More Fit!

Tilden students, on the average, have placed better in the seven item physical fitness test of the American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, than their counterparts in the city and nation. In the country as a whole, only 40 per cent of the pupils reached the 60th percentile the satisfactory level. Sixty per cent of New York City students attained the rating of 60 or better while 75 per cent of Tilden students reached or surpassed that score.

What's Cooking?

Linda Macaluso, 8C, earned the highest rating of any Tildenite in this year's Betty Crocker Search for the Homemaker of Tomorrow. General Mills, Inc., sponsor of the program, will award her a "Homemaker of Tomorrow" pin to signify her achievement, and her test paper will be entered in competition for state honors. Senior girls in this school met December 3 and joined with approximately 484,000 in more than 14,000 schools in our 50 states to take a 50-minute written examination in homemaking knowledge and attitudes.



Linda Macaluso

With a Little Bit of Luck

Lloyd Axelrod, Tilden graduate of 1959, was awarded recognition in the Phi Beta Kappa honor fraternity. A member of the Princeton University class of 1963, Lloyd graduated in the first quintile in a class of 708 students. Upon graduation, his immediate plans were to enter Harvard Medical School. While at Tilden, Lloyd was president of the Senior Class, president of the Longfellows, a member of senior sing, and Sports Editor of *Tilden Topics*.



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ON THE SIDELINES

with Steve Flax
and Jerry Meyer

Another indoor track season has come to an end with the very competitive City Champs Meet, February 28. The relay team practiced hard for this meet, but finished a disappointing sixth. Throughout the whole season, the team proved to be formidable, capturing over two dozen medals.

Cindermen Strong

With the end of the indoor season comes the beginning of the outdoor dual meets in which there is the added addition of field events. In the past, field events have been a weakness in the team. However, this year they should prove an asset to the team. Coach Joel Hochheiser says, "It's a comforting feeling to be strong in our field events. This year I won't be embarrassed at the mention of them."

Mark Fuster and Raffi Kiriat are the two muscle-men throwing the shot-put. The broad jumpers are Phil Blaustein, Paul Schier and Alan Seder. The hop, step and jumpers are Dennis Elkin, Phil Blaustein and Barry Charton. Alan Seder, Mark Jacob and Barry Salouk are the high jumpers. In practice, the *Cindermen* seem strong enough to better last season's 6-4 mark.

Managers Are Important

It is the purpose of this column to evaluate the important successes and the major failures of Tilden athletics.

One of the most satisfactory aspects of the basketball season was the fine efforts of managers Jay Kavet and Steve Weitz. Jay and Steve, who are both juniors, kept the time and scores for the *Goldmen* as well as personal records of each player.

Jay Kavet and Steve Weitz worked with the team, worked for the team, and became an important part of the team. They are as much enthused over the *Goldmen's* successes as any of the players.

A Tribute to Mr. Solomon

When a teacher passes away, his passing is felt by his family, his friends and the members of his department. However, when a tradition of the school is lost—and a tradition is what Mr. Joseph Solomon was at Tilden—the grief is felt even by the students and anyone who has ever been connected with Tilden and Mr. Solomon.

Although multitudes of mourners may attend the funeral (there was one man there from Manhattan Beach who used to wrestle with Mr. Solomon as a boy and wanted to pay his respects), and there are many glowing eulogies, the only suitable monument to a man like Mr. Solomon lies in the youngsters at Tilden. It is a pity that too few of us really knew him.

To many of us he was only the school's athletic director or our gym teacher, or the faculty adviser of the field squad. How many of us knew one tenth of his achievements while he was here at Tilden? How many of us knew that he was one of the most successful baseball coaches in the city? How many of us, as we went grumbling to gym, perhaps caring too much for our own petty wants, knew that he almost single-handedly brought Tilden High School up from the bottom of the heap to become one of the finest athletic schools in New York City? Too few of us knew too little about our Director of Athletics and not knowing him is certainly our loss.

Mr. Solomon came to Tilden in the fall of 1930. For eight years thereafter he was the most successful baseball coach in New York City. From 1930 to 1938 practically all of his teams won one championship or another. One of his most famous proteges was Sid Gordon, who went on to the major leagues and starred with Milwaukee and the Giants. In June of 1938, he was appointed Director of Athletics by Principal John M. Loughran and, in addition, he was made Tilden's representative to the Public School Athletic League. Very shortly thereafter he was asked to be chairman of the Public School Athletic League Baseball Committee. At the time of his death he was faculty adviser to the Boosters and the Field Squad, as well as in charge of the Athletic Association.

But these are the all too few rewards for the years of unstinting effort he gave to the school. Now it is up to us students to work for the ideals that Joseph Solomon exemplified while here at Tilden. Perhaps our continued efforts at keeping fit and toward athletic achievement and sportsmanship is the most suitable memorial to a man who can never be replaced.

Handball Team Ready for Opener; Weiner Elected to Captain Team

Training has started for the sixth season of Tilden's handball competition. In their brief history, Coach Murray Adler has piloted the team to two division titles and three second place finishes. Although hurt by graduation losses, the *Wallmen* still hope to go all the way to the division championship.

Graduation Losses

The loss of ace players Mike Barron, Arthur Fuchs and Stuart Goldberg is a serious detriment to the team. However, Coach Adler feels that there are going to be many new recruits who will make up for the graduation losses.

In addition to the rookie members of the team there are several players who were on the team last year, but saw little action. Nevertheless, they

did gain some experience on the court. Mark Askinazy and David Bosovitch fit into this category. This year they will probably play an important part in Coach Adler's plan.

Captain Selected

Harold Weiner, who is the only returning singles player from last year, is to captain the team. Harold gained a great deal of experience last year and is expected to spark the team to victory. Mike Goldstein, Lenny Roth, Joel Globberman and David Deutchman are the other returning regulars.

The handball season is scheduled to start in early April. The *Wallmen* are matched against such teams as Midwood, Madison, Ft. Hamilton and John Jay. Midwood won the division title last year and is the team to beat this year, according to Coach Adler.

Returning Veterans Add Punch; Diamondmen Ready for Premiere

Crack! The sound of a ball meeting a bat, the snap of leather, and the warmth of spring all mean the start of a new season for Tilden's *Diamondmen*. Coach Herman "Spotty" Ginsberg is out to bring back the Division Championship to Tilden this year. After having slacked off to second place last year, finishing with a 6-4 record, the coach anticipates a strong season.

Veterans Will Add Punch

Mr. Ginsberg hopes that his returning veterans will spark the team. Two outstanding performers from last year's squad are co-captains Shelly Markman and Eric Ruskin. Shelly, a fine all-around ball player, will leave his mark at first base this year. Ruskin, a strong southpaw, is expected to carry most of the pitching chores during the course of the upcoming season.

Other returning prospects are pitchers Marv Klau, a righthander, and Bob Levine, a lefthander, who will back up Ruskin on the mound. Ken Lane, Dave Sherman, Dave Cook, Vincent Faraone, and Anthony Senacore are other notable veterans coming back this season.

The loss of such stars as Lou Vega, Ron Foresta, Bob Rosenthal, Frank Teppedino and Marc Civarello will be



A MATTER OF FORCE: After forcing unidentified Erasmus player at home plate, catcher Ra Feldstein of Tilden starts throw to complete double play. Tilden dropped 10 decision in game played last season.

felt greatly. But Coach Ginsberg is hopeful that the vacancies will be filled by some of the new prospects trying out for the team this year. Some promising rookies are hurlers Larry Jacobowitz and Steven Smith, infielders Marc Streisand, Anthony Agusta and Bill Dillon, and outfielder Allan Wener.

'63 Highlights

Last year's season was highlighted by Bob Rosenthal's magnificent pitching performance. His perfect no-hit, no-run ball game, against Madison

last season, is one of the great pitching efforts in Tilden's history. In addition to retiring every batter that he faced, Bob fanned ten batters with his flawless pitching as the *Blue Devils* defeated the Highwaymen 2-0.

Just six days later, Bob thrilled Tilden fans with a brilliant one hit performance against Midwood. His no-hitter was broken up in the late innings by a scratch Texas league single. Rosenthal wound up the season with an admirable 6-2 record.

Erasmus Team to Beat

Mr. Ginsberg, who has been coaching baseball longer than any other New York City coach, is optimistic about the team's chances for the season, even though they are faced with such tough opposition as Erasmus, Wingate and Sheepshead Bay. "Erasmus will be the team to beat in the coming season," says coach Ginsberg. His reason is that he feels the defending division champions have the best pitching staff in the city. Nevertheless, the diamond mentor is aware that all league opponents in the suicide division, which Tilden is in, will be tough nuts to crack.

The coach continues to assert that the most important ingredients for a successful season are hard work and determination. He also points out that the pitching and hitting must be brought up to a high level of proficiency. He believes that "the veterans must show improvement and the newcomers must mature quickly if the *Blue Devils* are to enjoy another successful season."

Dave Glickman

Mr. Adler To Head All School Athletics

Mr. Murray Adler was recently appointed by Mr. Margolies to head the Athletic Association. He will also fill the position of Director of Athletics, which was previously held for twenty-eight years by the late Mr. Joseph Solomon.

As Director of Athletics, he will have to assume many new responsibilities. This position makes him supervisor of all athletic events and places him in charge of buying equipment as well as supervising all ticket sales for athletic games. In addition, he is now the Tilden representative to the Public School Athletic League Games Committee. Despite all these new responsibilities, Mr. Adler will remain as the handball and assistant football coach.

Over the years, Mr. Solomon, as Athletic Director, instituted many new policies for more efficient handling of Tilden's athletics. While Mr. Adler expects no impending policy changes, he has, however, voiced approval of a plan for a season basketball ticket.

While Mr. Solomon has left an awesome record of achievements, it is the general opinion among the teachers at Tilden that Mr. Adler is the perfect replacement for Mr. Solomon and that Tilden's athletics are in good hands.

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

By Barry Spitz

Although only a junior, Scott Handelman will captain the Tilden tennis team this spring. Last year, he compiled a 3-3 record in matches on the Tilden squad that finished 4th in the league.

Scott takes his tennis seriously.



He takes lessons regularly, and plays throughout the off-season in addition to attending the team's regularly scheduled three two hour practice sessions each week. He enjoys other sports also, most notably baseball, basketball, and skiing. While at Meyer Levin Junior High School he was on the softball team.

Scott and teammate Alan Polen were introduced to tennis a few years ago in a summer camp. Scott took to the game so quickly that he was winning singles tournaments in a few short weeks.

About the squad, Scott says, "We'll have a fine team this year and since most of the boys are juniors, Tilden might well become league champs by next year."

Scott hopes to attend Colgate University, which is noted for its fine tennis team.

One of the fastest developing boys on the Tilden basketball team is sophomore Joseph Laboska. Although he was used sparingly this year, Coach Gold is grooming Joe for a possible starting backcourt berth within a year or two.



In junior high school, Joe captained the Meyer Levin basketball team to a second place finish in the district. He was an outstanding scorer, averaging 21 points a game in his last year. Against the division champs, David Marcus, Joe tallied 30 points. His highlight for Tilden occurred in the game against Fort Hamilton High School when he scored 8 points in a fine all-around effort.

Joe stays in top condition by swimming and by playing organized baseball over the summer. During the school year Joe doesn't let his bas-

ketball activities interfere with his studies.

Although he stands only 5'10", Joe weighs a solid 150 pounds. He has impressed Tilden fans as being a fine ballhandler.

Captain of the Tilden baseball team for the 1964 baseball season will be Eric Ruskin. Eric, a senior, will be playing on the varsity for his third straight year this season. Pitching in frequent appearances over the last two years, Eric has won 3 games and lost 2 and is credited with 3 saves. His E.R.A. is under 3 runs per game and he gets more than his share of strikeouts.

Eric hails from Meyer Levin Junior High School where he played first base on the team that won the borough championship. In his sophomore year at Tilden, he reached his peak in the game against Cleveland High School. In that outing, he struck out 10 men and didn't allow a run. Last year, though bothered by shoulder trouble, he held Boys High School to one earned run through 6 innings in a Tilden victory. This year he hopes for even greater achievements.

In the off-season, Eric keeps in shape by weight lifting and playing basketball. In fact, Eric was on the Tilden basketball team before he decided to devote his full efforts to baseball. He weight-lifts in order to build up his 160 pound frame and to strengthen his pitching arm.

Eric's best pitch is his sharp breaking curve ball. He also relies on a good fastball. He aids his own cause by being a fine fielding pitcher.

As the first game of the season approaches Eric analyzes the squad this way: "We have lost many good players through graduation and now we have many sophomores. However, they are looking good and they should be able to help the team. I feel that our toughest league opponent will be Erasmus High School with their ace pitcher, major league prospect Don Balsamo. As for me, I hope to help the team by winning as many games as I can."